

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congressman Steve King (R-IA) today released the following statement after news reports of Zeituni Onyango, President Obama's aunt, was granted asylum in the United States.

**“Traditionally, asylum has been granted to those that demonstrate a well-founded fear of persecution in their home countries. A judge granted President Obama’s aunt amnesty through asylum despite her blatant disregard for the Rule of Law. Ms. Onyango has been living in the country illegally since her first application for asylum was rejected and she was ordered to be deported in 2004. The New York Times reports that Ms. Onyango was requesting asylum because she would face undue attention and perhaps danger in Kenya because of her relationship to President Obama.”**

**“The American people deserve to know if Ms. Onyango was objectively granted asylum. No one is above the Rule of Law and we should not be granting an individual amnesty based solely on that person’s relationship to public figures. President Obama and Ms. Onyango should open the record to ensure transparency for the American people and clear any allegations of favoritism or judicial bias.”**